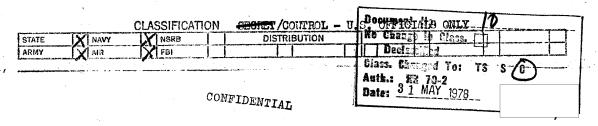
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The 100-ton Siemens-Martin furnaces are producing 12,000 - 13,000 tons of ingots a month of which 2,000 tons are being stocked because the other mills in the Eastern Zone are unable to absorb completely the production from Riesa. The stocks will be used by the rolling mill, which is still to be erected. The price of the ingots is DM 110 per ton. Preparations are proceeding for the construction of a 5-ton electric furnace for electric steel casting.



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Raw Materials

- a. Each month the Riesa steel works receive from the USSR approximately 1,200 tons of pig iron which contains manganese. Irregular deliveries of 5 or 6 railway cars at a time are also received from Poland and Hungary. These shipments are used for the production of ingots, 90% of which are derived from scrap and 10% of which are derived from pig iron. The imports are handled by the Stahl- und Eisenhandelsgesellschaft in Leipzig, Wittenbergstrasse. The Riesa plant pays DM 80 per ton, plus DM 16.80 freight charges. The pig iron comes by rail from the interior of Russia to Brest-Litovsk where it is transferred to European gauge freight cars.
- b. The Hennigsdorf steel plant delivers rolled iron to Riesa which is used in the reconstruction of the works. This rolled iron is unsatisfactory because the Hennigsdorf factory does not possess the necessary shears to smooth the edges of the rolled iron. In addition to this, because of the lack of turning machines in the plant at Hennigsdorf, the iron can be used only for repair work, because, when delivered, it is not smooth.

4. The Steelworks at Kirchmöser, near Brandenburg

- a. The Stahlwerk Kirchmöser near Brandenburg, which had been completely dismantled by the Russians, is being rebuilt on the site of the engine shad of the former railway repair shop at Kirchmöser. The shad, which measures 250 x 300 m., is being equipped with 60-ton cranes and Siemens-Martin gas-heated furnaces, which are being brought from Salzgitter. Tractors will also be made at the steel-works.

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- b. One hundred and twenty railroad cars with machinery had arrived by 10 March, 1949, for the equipment of the rolling-mill. One thousand men are employed on the building of mountings for the machinery.
- c. The port-installations and loading cranes (Unschlagkrane) are already working.

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